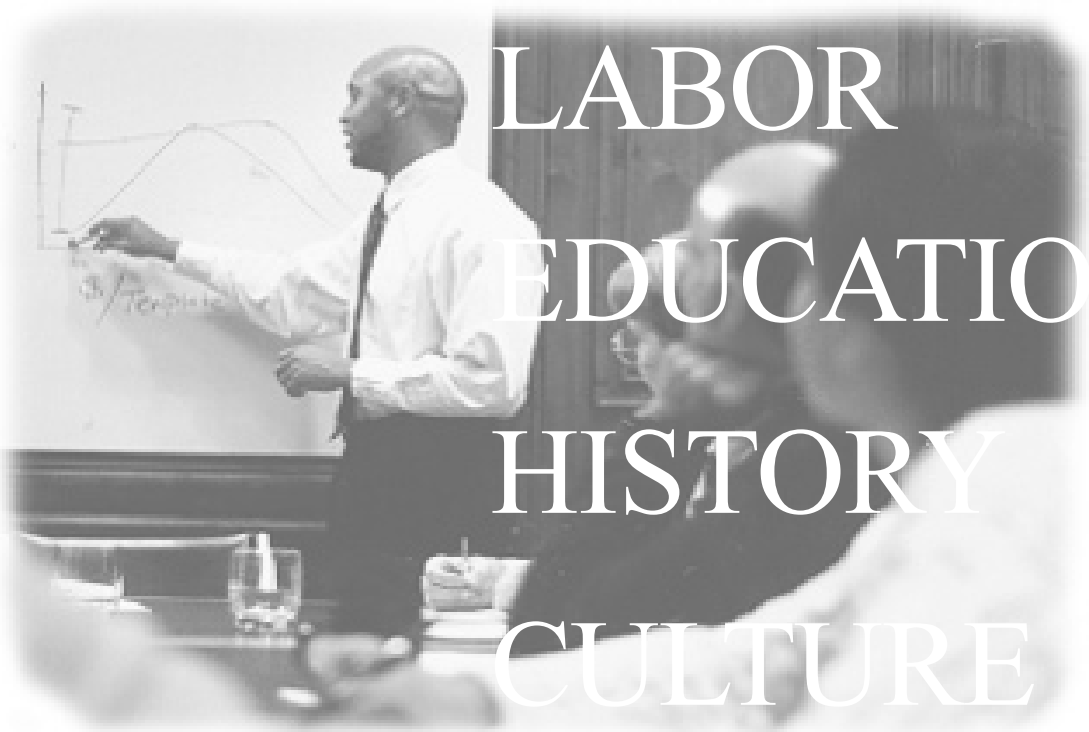


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History¹

Established on March 7, 1843, Sabine parish is rich in lore and history. Fort Jesup is a colorful reminder of Louisiana's history – when the land was the vast Louisiana Territory and eventually produced 13 of the United States. During this transition period, the treaty of 1803 failed to define clearly the western boundary of Louisiana, with the result that America claimed Eastern Texas and the Spanish claimed western Louisiana.

From this confused state, there developed a “no-man’s land” east of the Sabine River. The section became known as “The Sabine Strip.” Murders, robberies, and other crimes were commonplace until the boundary was fixed at the Sabine River by the Florida Purchase Treaty of 1819. Fort Jesup was built in 1822 by Lt. Col. Zachary Taylor to keep order in this territory. A visit to Fort Jesup (one small kitchen remains out of the original 82 buildings) will give the visitor much history of the area.

Culture and Recreation³

Today the parish combines the old with the new. The growing resort area around Toledo Bend Reservoir, the largest manmade body of water in the South and the fifth largest in surface acres in the nation, covering 185,000 acres, is in the parish. El Camino Real, the early road to Mexico (circa 1720), crosses the parish. The annual Tamale Fiesta at Zwolle attracts many visitors, while the “Sawmill Days at Fisher” take visitors back in history.



Parish Seat¹ Many¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

None

Parish Population²

1990 22,646

1997 (estimate) 23,769

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White 78%

African American 19%

Other 3%

Male 49%



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| Female | 51% |
| Population age 0-4 | 7% |
| Populations age 65 & over | 17% |

Geography and Statistics²

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| Average elevation | 321 ft. |
| Land area in square miles | 865.3 |
| Water area in square miles ⁴ | 146.3 |

Climate²

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| Average temperatures | |
| Annual | 63° |
| January | 51° |
| July | 82° |
| Annual average rainfall | 53.2 in. |

Labor Force (1995)¹

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|--------------------|-------|
| Civilian | 8,910 |
| Employed | 8,280 |
| Unemployed | 630 |
| Unemployment | 7.1% |

Agriculture¹

Poultry and beef cattle; wood products (plywood, lumber, particle board, and pulpwood) and clothing manufacturing.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)
Northwestern State University,
Natchitoches

Public Libraries⁵ 8

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Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

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|--------------------------------|-------|
| Less than 5th grade | 5.2% |
| High school graduate or higher | 61.9% |
| Some college or higher | 22.1% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 8.3% |

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

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|--|-----|
| Private Employers | |
| Boise Cascade Corporation (Plywood and lumber) | 563 |
| Willamette Industries, Inc. (Timber) | 300 |
| Holloway Sportsware (Jackets) | 200 |
| Public Employers | |
| Sabine Parish School Board (Education) | 590 |

Poverty and Income

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|---|----------|
| Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷ | 21.3% |
| Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷ | 31.7% |
| Per capita income (1996) ⁸ | \$15,381 |



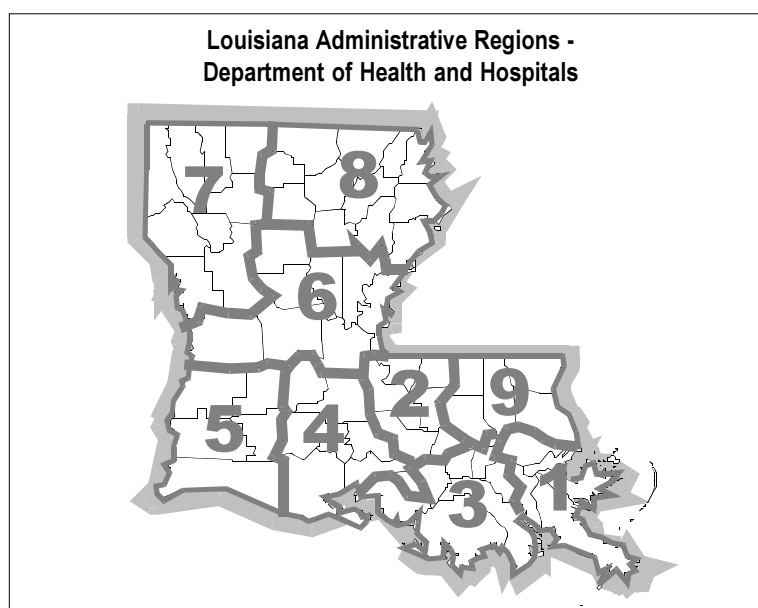
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Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington